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Information or art known to the Applicant and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on PTO Form 1449 attached hereto. It includes six United States patents. The Applicant has employed PTO Form 1449 for the purposes of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

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It should be evident that none of the art provided herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicant believes that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct over the art of record. In the event the Examiner would care to discuss any of the disclosed art more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

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